



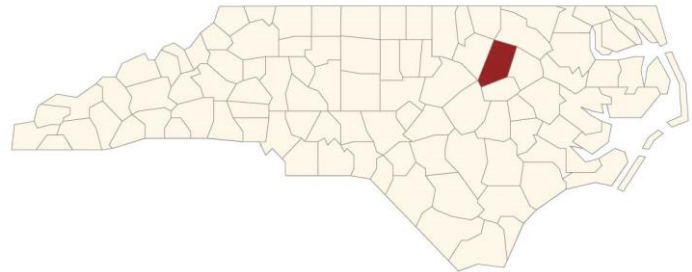
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Nash County

Nash County received more than \$107 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Nash County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
2,448



Small Business Jobs:
43

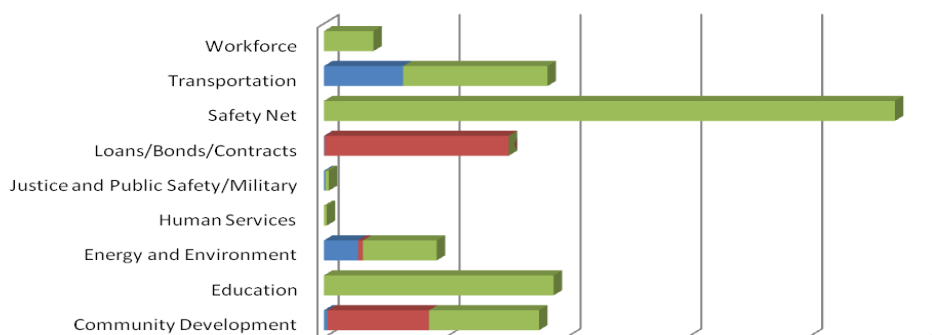


Appliances rebated:
188



Family homes financed:
67

Nash County Totals



Sum of Prime Awards Sum of Sub-Awards Sum of Loans/Bonds

Nash County,
pop 87,420 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$ 83,888,183.58
Loans: \$ 18,376,716
Bonds: \$ 5,680,000

Total: \$107,944,899.58



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Nash County schools received \$25 million in education funding, including \$4 million in Special Education funds, \$4 million in Title I funds, \$10 million in SFSF funds, and \$2.5 million in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Nash County, Nash County Community College and North Carolina Wesleyan College had 2,448 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$3.5 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Nash County, 67 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$8.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the

program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Nash County retailers sold 188 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Nash County, 5 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$800,000. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 43 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Nash County, \$928,770 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Nash County, car dealers sold 186 cars worth \$4 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Nash County, the Nash County Government, the Town of Whitakers, and the Town of Rocky Mount received \$180,000 in JAG program grants.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Nash County, the Town of Sharpsburg had one officer funded through a COPS Grants.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Nash County, the City of Rocky Mount received 500,000 for water and sewer programs. Nash-Rocky Mount schools received \$77,000 to upgrade diesel engines on school buses. The USDA's Rural Utilities Service made a \$400,000 grant to the Town of Sharpsburg to improve wastewater systems.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Nash County, the Nash County Government received an EECBG grant of \$126,472 for improvements to the chiller and lighting at the Agriculture Center, hot water and lighting controls at the Detention Center and energy management improvements at the Social Services office. Nash-Rocky Mount Schools received an EECBG grant of \$198,235 for lighting efficiency improvements and room occupancy sensors. The Town of Enfield received an EECBG grant of \$85,106 for lighting retrofits and street lighting improvements. The Town of Nashville received \$12,571 to improve lighting at the police and fire department and other buildings. The Town of Rocky Mount received an SEP grant for \$236,000 to upgrade street light figures and make energy improvements to three downtown businesses.



Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

In Nash County, the Department of the Army contracted for \$55,000 for survey information.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Nash County residents received \$36.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$6 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$4.5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Nash County Feature Story

Nash County Puts ARRA Programs to Work to Expand Middlesex Elementary School

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding to the federal Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Program. The Community Programs provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Community facilities projects develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, safety, as well as many other community-based initiatives.

Nash County took advantage of the historic opportunity found in the ARRA to move forward with a long awaited project. The USDA's Community Facilities grant and loan program financed the expansion of Middlesex Elementary.

First constructed in 1938, the school had only 7,000 square feet of useable space. The last renovation of the school occurred in 1960. The new expansion, which includes a new kitchen and cafeteria, new computer lab, spaces for exceptional children, art and music, and increases the size of the original footprint of the school by a factor of five to more than 37,000 square feet.



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The new expansion will allow for an additional 100-150 students in new classrooms, and provide new office space for administrative support for school activities.

Victor Vazquez, deputy undersecretary for USDA Rural Development, attended the 2010 groundbreaking for the school expansion.

Said Secretary Vasquez of the project: "We are pleased that USDA was one of the departments that was allowed the opportunity to funnel the resources out into rural communities. We get them out into the communities and eventually they turn into private sector jobs."

The new expanded areas of Middlesex Elementary School should soon be open for business.

Appendix, Nash County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
		Rocky Mount	P			\$5,680,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$776,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Nash Community College	P				
		North Carolina Wesleyan College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$8,738,616.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Nash, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$245,679.35	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$6,110,507.70		
Department of Education	Federal Work-Study Program	North Carolina Wesleyan College	P	\$28,487.00		\$0.00	\$28,487.00
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Nash, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$126,472.00	\$0.00	
		Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$198,235.00	\$0.00	
		Nashville, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$12,571.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Nash County Aging Department	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Rocky Mount Meals On Wheels	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program Special Allocations (Recovery Act Funded)	V.I.P. Nashville Arms, Lt	P	\$294,476.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Sharpsburg, Town Of	P	\$116,952.00		\$0.00	\$116,952.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Whitakers, Town Of	P	\$9,568.86		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Nash, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$69,141.20	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$69,141.20	\$0.00	
		Rocky Mount, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$36,525,311.17		
Department of the Army	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Joyner Keeny And Associates	P	\$48,941.40		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$7,083.90		\$0.00	\$0.00
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Rocky Mount, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$526,584.00	\$0.00	
	National Clean Diesel Emissions Reduction Program	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$77,368.10	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	C C Mangum Company LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$608,280.42
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$721,645.44
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$3,822,795.00		\$0.00	\$3,822,795.00
				\$107,694.00		\$0.00	\$107,694.00
				\$744,331.00		\$0.00	\$744,331.00
				\$898,370.00		\$0.00	\$898,370.00
		S.T. Wooten Corporation	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,588,264.17
		Southern Garden, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$84,113.40
Federal Transit Administration	Federal Transit_Formula Grants	Brasco International Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$83,700.00
		National Bus Sales And Leasing	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$150,938.00
		Rocky Mount, City Of	P	\$991,722.00		\$0.00	\$991,722.00

		Safety Vision Llc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$69,349.00
		Turn Key Contractors Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$68,900.00
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$30,627.25	\$0.00	
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$37,813.05
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Rocky Mount, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$736,000.00	\$0.00	
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Recovery Act	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$44,247.00	\$0.00	
	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$97,328.00	\$0.00	
	School Improvement Grants, Recovery Act	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,788,099.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Nash Community College	S	\$0.00	\$665,833.46	\$0.00	
		Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$8,991,526.00	\$0.00	
		Rocky Mount Preparatory School, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$485,605.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$2,573,031.00	\$0.00	
		Rocky Mount Preparatory School, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$77,228.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$3,913,139.00	\$0.00	
		Rocky Mount Preparatory School, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$191,006.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	S	\$0.00	\$153,551.00	\$0.00	
	Special	Nash-Rocky	S	\$0.00	\$3,904,566.00	\$0.00	

	Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Mount Schools					
		Rocky Mount Preparatory School, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$192,196.18	\$0.00	
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		PV	\$0.00	\$538,480.80	\$0.00	
		Nash, County Of	P	\$0.00		\$8,410,000.00	\$8,410,000.00
		Oakley Collier	PV	\$0.00	\$139,987.00	\$0.00	
		Terracon Consulting	PV	\$0.00	\$8,300.00	\$0.00	
		Valentine Law Firm	PV	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Rural Utilities Service	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Lanier Construction Company, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$260,658.95
		Sharpsburg, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$412,000.00	\$412,000.00
				\$2,790,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,790,000.00
		The East Group,pa	PV	\$0.00	\$124,251.01	\$0.00	
Small Business Administration	Loans	Bailey Food Processors LLC	L			\$426,000.00	
		Benvenue Laser Wash Llc	L			\$7,500.00	
		Carolina Sports And Spine P.A.	L			\$5,000.00	
		Carriage Cove Child Developmen	L			\$100,000.00	
		Wires, Inc	L			\$277,600.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$4,600,750.00		
Grand Total				\$9,860,421.16	\$74,027,762.42	\$24,056,716.00	\$23,996,013.43

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.